

21 Cornhill, Boston,
Nov. 13, 1857.

Dear Mr. Webb -

Yours dated "Dublin, March 11, 1857" is, this hour ^{only} received!! So much for entrusting it to Mr. J. W. Revell, who writes me from New York, Nov. 11. '57, (just 8 months after yrs. is dated,) to explain that "Circumstances in connexion with my [his] engagement in the English Temperance Movement detained me in that country some months longer than I anticipated when receiving charge of the letters." - This is cool, & business-like too, "over the left." Why didn't he send back ^{to their writers?} the letters? (there is one to me also from Mary Estlin - also a thick packet for Parker Pillsbury, containing I presume letters which I know he has mourned over as lost forever!) - Well, we can't help it; but you must have wondered why no notice had been taken by me of various topics in your note,

What you wrote about Wm Chambers is very interesting, and makes entirely clear what for 6 months has puzzled me - how

and why he had changed his tone
so remarkably about American affairs,
and so brought the Advocate to commend
and approve & encourage, instead of
criticizing him with some sharpness, as
before, as being on the slaveholders' side.
You surely did an excellent work there.

As to the charge on the bbl. of
to Harriet Martineau, ^{the} applies, I know not what ^{the} Liverpool
expenses ~~there~~. ~~of the bbl.~~ The
freight per steamer was paid here; I
wrote at Mr. Chapman's request to
Wm P. Powell, asking him to receive &
forward the bbl. to Mr. Martineau, pay
all expenses accruing on it, & make the
same a charge to Mr. Chapman, which
could be settled through your annual
account with me. And I am sure
it was Mr. Chapman's wish that the
barel should reach Mr. M. without any
cost to her. ~~It~~ It seems it did not, but
that cannot be laid at your door, as I
see, but to Powell's, who did not execute
his commission, - at least in regard to letting
you know the source whence you were to be ^{reimbursed} defrayed.

Now it ^{so} happens that another barrel
of apples, to the same lady and from the
same lady, stands ready to go from here
to Liverpool, by the Steamship of Wednesday
next, Nov. 18th. And Mrs. Chapman
wishes to be, herself, at all charges. The
Ship-freight will be pre-paid. At her request
I am to write to W. P. Powell to take charge
of it; and, admonished by the case of the
last one, now so freshly before me, I shall
very explicitly instruct him to discharge
all costs, and get his pay of Mrs. Chapman
through you, i.e., your annual account
with me.

— Since writing the above, I have written
a note to Wm. P. Powell, which I intend to
enclose with this, & leave the envelope unsealed.
Please read it, close, & mail it to him. You
will see just what Mrs. Chapman wants him
to do with the barrel. —

Your note contains many business
items, to which I will refer in their order:

1. Miss Barrington's Liberator goes regularly
to her at 202 Gt. Britain St. Dublin.
2. Mrs. Eliza Gough's (whom you still call Jacob,
though we understood, I believe from Mr. Webb, that
that is not her present name) goes regularly to
Ballymore. ~~That~~ I trust they are received,

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3. I make no entry, and take no account of payments made to you, for Liberator, Standard, or anything else, until I get your regular annual account. Having once done so, (in the case of Mr. Cotterell of Bath,) and misunderstanding ensuing, I determined not to do it again.

And this leads me to suggest, as I think I have done once before, that you should ^{in future} send me a semi-annual account. It need not involve the sending money, to or from, any oftener than now; but matters will be more likely to be remembered, and entered correctly, than if left a twelvemonth. I would suggest May 1. & November 1., as periods to which your accounts with me should be made up & forwarded; or any other 2 dates would suit me quite as well, if they w^d. suit you better. — I shall expect soon to receive your annual acct.

4. Your note orders a Liberator for 6 months to be sent to Mr. Wicksteed, Hafod, St. Asaph's, N. Wales, and states that Harriet Lupton had paid 6/3 for the same. — Pray explain to Miss Lupton why the paper was not sent when first ordered. A few weeks since Mr. Wallcut rec^d. a request to same effect from you, thro' Edmund Quincy, and the paper now goes, as above.

5. We have never heard "the first word" about the book you promised for Henry. No books have come here, nor any communication from any quarter about them. Perhaps you have thought better about sending them to ~~Mr~~ Donahoe, and I confess I should be wary about doing it. I don't personally know him, but I have no confidence in him, & wouldn't trust him, except I had a strong legal hold on him, and I don't want to deal with men who require the use of that lever, to move them. I should be glad to serve you in the matter.

6. No. 10 of Liberator, Vol. 26 (1856) goes forward with this, — ^{as you request}

By the last Steamship (Persia, fr. New York) I forwarded to your hand a bigg. sketch of M. W. Chapman, and a brief one of Adm. Ballou, for the Glasgow work you wrote to me about. I depend on hearing something definite & early from the Glasgow publisher on the subject. As yet, I hear nothing.

I am sorry to tell you - a fact which I learned yesterday - that the Ship "Howadji", which sailed hence Oct. 30. or thereabout, when 4 days out of port was struck by lightning, her cargo (cotton, oil, & tallow) set fire to, and the vessel totally lost. All hands were taken off, by another vessel, & brought into N. York. That was the ship, as I fear & believe, in which I forwarded to you 5 Engravings (2 Representations of Women, 1 Herald of Freedom, & 2 Papmore Williamson) as requested to do by Mr. Chapman, - ~~cost~~ of engravings, \$4. - and also a parcel, apparently books, addressed to you in S. H. Gay's hand-writing. These of course are a total loss, and I suppose must be your loss in the circumstance, though it is certainly hard that when you are doing so much for us & our cause, without a penny^d pay, and ask to have your ^{dyes an Advocate or for advances} ~~books~~ sent you in books, that you should lose this. I will, however, try in time to make it up to you. -

I have to-day for the first time been able to procure ^{for you} a copy of J. Dixon's Long's book "Pictures of Slavery." Though you ordered it, I shall not charge it to you, unless it turns out that the before-mentioned parcels did not go in the lost ship, but reach you safely, in which case it shall be charged to you. Otherwise our Counter will send it to you, editorially. - I have now \$6. in my hands, to your credit. - I shall send Long's book by first of Thayer & Warren's ships.

Nov. 14th Francis Jackson brings me a Bill of Lading of a box from Mr. Mary Edmondson. This is the Dublin box, I believe. - Your

agents in Liverpool shipped it to New York.
This is a pity, as the next following boat
would have brought ^{it} right here, (~~not~~ to Boston)
& saved several charges, as well as some
considerable additional time & labour, ~~which~~
~~shall not~~

I must now close, and
wait for another time to say what
else there is. Very truly Yours

Jam: May Jr.

Boston, Nov. 16. / 57.